

# THE PROTESTANT ALMANACK,

For the Year

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## BISSEXTILE or LEAP-YEAR.

WHEREIN

The Bloody Aspects, Fatal Oppositions, Diabolical Conjunctions, and Pernicious Revolutions of the Papacy against the Lord and his Anointed, are described.

With the Change of the Moon, the Rising and Setting of the Sun, some observable Fairs, and the Eclipses, together with the Moons place in the Zodiac throughout each month of the year.

Calculated according to Art, for the Meridian of *Babylon*, where the Pope is elevated an hundred and fifty degrees above all Reason, Right and Religion; above Kings, Canons, Councils, Conscience, and every thing therein called God. *2 Thess. 2.* And may without sensible Errour, indifferently serve the whole Papacy.

By *Philoproteus*, a well-willer to the Mathematicke.

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A Table to know when the Terms begin and end  
with their Returns for this present Year, 1689.

Hillary Term begins the 24th of Ja-  
nuary, and ends the 13th of Fe-  
bruary, and hath 4 Returns.

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| 1. Octob. Hill.  | Janu. 20 |
| 2. Quind. Hill.  | Janu. 27 |
| 3. Craft. Purif. | Febr. 4  |
| 4. Octob. Purif. | Febr. 10 |

Easter Term begins the 17th day of  
April, and ends the 13th day of  
May, and hath 5 Returns

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| 1. Quind. Pasch.  | Apr. 15 |
| 2. Tres Pasch.    | Apr. 22 |
| 3. Mens. Pasch.   | Apr. 29 |
| 4. Quinq. Pasch.  | May 6   |
| 5. Craft. Ascend. | May 10  |

Trinity Term begins the 31th day  
of May, and ends the 19th day  
of June, and hath 4 Returns.

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| 1. Craft. Trin. | May 27  |
| 2. Octob. Trin. | June 3  |
| 3. Quinq. Trin. | June 10 |
| 4. Tres Trin.   | June 17 |

Michaelmas Term begins the 23th  
day of October, and ends the 28th  
day of November, and hath 6 Re-  
turns.

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| 1. Tres Mich.   | Octo. 20 |
| 2. Mens. Mich.  | Octo. 27 |
| 3. Craft. Anim. | Nov. 3   |
| 4. Craft. Mart. | Nov. 12  |
| 5. Octob. Mart. | Nov. 19  |
| 6. Quind. Mart. | Nov. 26  |

Owen Epigrams, Lib. 1. Ep. 54.

Lawyers are rightly call'd wise men of Law,  
Since to themselves they wisely Wealth do draw.

To the Truly

CHRISTIAN READER.

It may seem strange to some, that the Popish Religion, which has so little in it to recommend it to more serious Spirits, and spiritual minds, whose Idolatries are the coarsest Spuit, and of the grossest wale of any ever yet extant, whose practices have been so nauseous and scandalous, and whose cruelties have been so violently unparallel'd, That notwithstanding all these disadvantages it should keep its footing in the World, nay encroach upon the present Age, and gain a favourable respect amongst persons of the greatest knowledge; wherefore let us consider by what policies this Papal Monarchy hath been upheld in Respect and Magnificence, which may the better be done by examining the following particulars, by which you may see upon what foundations the structure of their greatness is grounded.

1. The donation of several Kingdoms to them, that have no Right or Title but from the Pope, and in force of his donation; which cannot but oblige them to him, without whom they could lay no Title to what they possess.

2. The readines of their Ministers to kill such as resist them, cannot but deter Princes from injuring them, and constrain them to seek their friendship; especially since by a Writ of Excommunication they can arm the Subjects against the Sovereign; and without levying a Souldier, either utterly destroy him, or bring him to good conformity.

3. Their allowance of Marriages prohibited by God and Nature, the Issue of which cannot but uphold the Popes Authority, as may be instanced by our *Q. Mary*, the Daughter of King *Henry 8.* by the Lady *Katharine*, his Brother Prince *Arbans* Wife, for which Marriage there was a Dispensation granted by the Pope.

4. By their dispensing with the Oaths of Princes, by which such Princes both preserve their credit, in not being perjur'd as they think, since allowed by the Church; and also get somewhat, for which they cannot be unthankful to the Papacy.

5. The choosing of the younger Sons of potent Families into their *Cardinalships*, by which means the whole Lineage are ready

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ready to support him, as the chief staff of their Brothers, or Con-  
zens preferment.

6. The perswading of people of their infallible power, and  
the Ecclesiastical and Temporal Jurisdiction, over Heaven, Hell,  
Earth, and their Purgatory, which being grounded in mens Con-  
sciences, cannot but exact a due obedience to them.

7. The innumerable preferments for men of all sorts and hu-  
mours, as having in their disposing, all the Benefices and  
Bishopricks in Italy, half in Spain, and divers in France and Ger-  
many, which keep the Clergy in a perpetual bond of Allegiance,  
especially enjoying divers priviledges which they of the Tempo-  
rality are not capable of.

8. The accommodation of their Principles to the humours,  
lusts, tempers, and vicious inclinations of all sorts of men, has  
been a successful bait to catch, and a notable hook to hold  
whole shoals of men. The Covetous are well pleased with the  
Jesuits Doctrine, That they are not obliged to be charitable out of their  
supersticies. The Revengful are wonderfully taken with that  
Principle, That its Lawful to kill a man for a box on the Ear, with a  
knock on the Pate with a Cane, for the value of a Crown or less: Simo-  
niacal Patrons are well provided for, for it seems by the Doctrine  
of these Casuists, That no sin to take money for a Benefice, if we val-  
ue the Temporal good above the Spiritual: The Malicious are satis-  
fied, for with them, Envy against a mans temporal welfare, is but a  
venial sin. The Glutton and Drunkard will not complain; for,  
To eat and drink without necessity till a man spue again, is but a venial  
sin, and if he prejudice not his own health, is no sin at all. Fornica-  
tors must needs applaud them, who teach, That a Maid does not  
break any Law, if she prove a Harlot in her Fathers House. Perjured  
persons need not fear Hell, If they can but whisper to themselves the  
direct contrary to what they openly swear, (this were good News for  
Knights of the Post if it were true) That a Servant may be his Masters  
Pandar, provided his Master will but threaten him a little for fashion  
sake; and he may purloyn from his Master too, if he does but think he  
has not wages enough. He whose Cause is naught, may mislead the  
Judge and the Witnesses, if he fears the Tryal will go against him. But  
above all Bankrupts will bleis themselves in this Popish Doctrine;  
for, They may retain as much of their Estates from their Creditors as may  
serve them for an honourable livelihood, though they have gotten them by in-  
justice, and by crimes openly known to all the World; and who will not  
practice this when they are warranted it by the Church.



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1. The number of Fryers, all whose hopes depend on this lottery, they are known to be more than a Million, of which half at least grow fit to be employed in any Warlike service; all which they do maintain at other mens cost, themselves not disporting a penny; all which by his Authority are kept in continual possibility of attaining greater Honours; for, 1. There is not one of them which hopeth not to be the Prior of his Countie.
2. Provincial of his Order in that Country where he liveth.
3. The General of his Order.
4. The Generals are most likely to be Cardinals.
5. Your Cardinals are in the highest possibility to be Popes; all which possibilities bind them in a firm obedience to the Popedom.
6. The locking up the Scriptures in an unknown Tongue from the body of the people, is a handsome artifice to keep them in ignorance, according to their celebrated Maxime, *Ignorantia est the Mother of Devotion*. It has thriven admirably well with the Pope ever since he took away Gods Book, the Scripture, and set up Images to teach men Idolatry. It is a most undoubted Truth, that if the common people had the Scriptures in their hands open, something would stick upon their hearts, which would in time cast out Popery. And let the Pope try it if he dare.
7. They not only debar them of the Scriptures, but also prohibit the Books of the Reformed Writers, and hiding their own Treatises, in which the Tenet of the Protestants is recited only to be confuted: Insomuch that in all Italy you shall seldom meet with Bellarmine's works; or any of the like nature to be sold.
8. The grand device of Auricular Confession, the politick Picklock, first to get within mens Consciences and Secrets, and then the Padlock to fasten them for ever to the Papal Interest: Who durst budge from his Priest, when he has such a Beadroll of wickednesses out of him, any one of which would it may be undo him, or defame him for ever: However, by this trick the Pope at Rome, by the Generals, Provincials, and Confessors of every Order, knows the inward purposes of every of their Subjects; not the words only he speaks in his Chamber, but also the very designs that are hatching in his Heart.
9. The severity, or tyranny rather of the Inquisition, crusheth not only the beginnings, but the smallest suspicions of being this way addicted.
10. Equivocations are a notable help at a dead life to

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keep their *Professors* close to their faction : Hereby they can promise and never perform ; speak one thing, and intend another ; swear *Allegiance*, and then find a hole to creep out at. Look one way, and row another : It being a Ruled Case amongst the *Jesuits*, That if a Woman who has often lain with another Man, be Censured by her Husband about her Honesty, she may say and swear, *you never did it* : Well, but you will say, how can she come off ? O the *Jesuit* has a help at maw, this Gentile Reservation will do the feat ; She never did it, that is, with an intent that he should know it.

15. The invention of *Spiritual Fraternities*, which are appendances or annexaries to the Orders of *Fryers* ; and may in number perhaps equal them. Into these the Lay-people of all sorts, Men and Women, Married and Single, desire to be enrolled ; as hereby enjoying the *Spiritual Prerogatives* of *Indulgences*, and speedy dispatch out of *Purgatory*.

16. The Pope has an excellent dexterity to set Kingdoms together by the Ears ; to set all on a flame, that he may warm his hands by the fires which he has kindled. He can trouble the waters that he may fish in them undiscovered with more success ; whereby 1. He weakens both Parties, whilst he grows strong : It is notoriously known that the Popes crept up to their present formidable Graudeur whilst Princes were quarrelling. Like the Salamander, he lives in the flames of Contention. 2. He labours to Ballance all Interests with such an even Counterpoize, that all Parties may have dependance upon his Court. 3. When he has secretly set them at odds, he can openly interpolate to make them Friends ; thereby gaining the Credit of the Peace, who deserves only the Odium of the War. But thus his Holiness would prove himself a white Witch as well as a black one : Being like the Tinker, well paid for mending those holes whom he deserves the Pillory for making.

17. Preferments woe and wed thousands of those mercenary souls, who will prostitute their Consciences to them who bid most for them.

By these helps hath the Papal Crown attained to the Dignity it is now at ; far different from the condition of *St. Peter*, whose Successor they brag themselves to be, who told the Cripple that expected an Almes of him, *Gold nor Silver have I none* ; they swimming in all manner of wealth and luxuriousness, as the ancient Poet *Geoffrey Chaucer* thus expresseth in the *Plow-mans tale*.

Popes, Bishops, and Cardinals,  
 Cannons, Parsons, and Vicars,  
 In Gods service I trow been fals,  
 That Sacraments sellen beve,  
 And been as proud as Lucifer:  
 Each man look whether that I lie,  
 Who so speaketh ayenste her power  
 It shall be holden Heresie.

Yet was there some in those dark times that could see clearly  
 into the vicious lives of these great Professors of Holiness, and see  
 little by their Pardons and Indulgences, as may be seen by these  
 Verses of Piers Plowman.

At the dreadfull dome when the dead shall arise  
 And comen all to fore Christ, accounts for to yewe  
 How thou ledest thy Life here, and his Lawes keepest,  
 And how thou diddest day by day the dome will reheise.  
 A Poke full of Pardons there no Provincial Letters,  
 Though ye be founden in the Fraternyte of the iiii Orders,  
 And have Indulgence an C fold, but if Dowel ye help.  
 I beset your Patentcs and your Pardon at a Pyes helc.

But I fear I have transgressed the bounds of an Epistle already,  
 and like the Citizens of Mindium made my Gate too big for my  
 City, I shall therefore abruptly break off, and subscribe my self

London, Decem.  
 1688.

Thy Friendly Monitor

Philoproteft.

# January hath XXXI Days.

Last Quarter the 3 day, 2 minutes past 1 afternoon.

New Moon the 11 day 10 minutes past 10 in the forenoon.

First Quarter the 18 day 26 min. past 8 in the morning.

Full Moon the 25 day 12 minutes past 10 in the forenoon.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days and Fairs.	Signes.
1	a	New yea. da.	reyns
2	h	Sun rise 8, 6.	and
3	c	Lanibithen F.	loyns
4	d	Sun set 3, 57.	secrets
5	e	Hickleford F.	secrets
6	f	Twelfth day	secrets
7	g	Llanginny F.	thighs
8	a	Sun rise 7, 57.	thighs
9	h	Sun set 4, 5.	knees
10	c	Sun in Aqua.	knees
11	d	Sun rise 7, 52.	legs
12	e	Hinkley F.	legs
13	f	1 after Epiph.	feet
14	g	Melton Mow F.	feet
15	a	Sun set 4, 14.	feet
16	h	Sun rise 7, 45.	head
17	c	Sun set 4, 17.	head
18	d	Sun rise 7, 41.	neck
19	e	Sun set 4, 21.	neck
20	f	2 after Epiph.	armes
21	g	Sun rise 7, 36.	armes
22	a	Sun set 4, 25.	breast
23	h	Term begins	breast
24	c	Fair at Henley.	heart
25	d	Con. S. Pa.	heart
26	e	25 Gravelend F.	bowels
27	f	3 after Epiph.	and
28	g	Sun rise 7, 24.	belly
29	a	Sun set 4, 38.	reins
30	h	K. Ch. 1. Mart.	reins
31	c	Landisell F.	secrets

The days this month are short and cold but the Cruelty of the Papists against poor Protestants was hot and long; and first their zeal shew it self against the bones of John Wickliff, Parson of Lutterworth in Lecester-shire, who by his Writings did gall the sides of the lazy Monks, and Fryers; yet dyed he peaceably in his Bed, though 41 years after, by a Decree of the Synod of Constance, his Bones were taken out of the Grave and burnt; but if the Pope will let us alone till so long after our death, we shall not much complain of hard usage. But their rage fell heavier on Will. Waterer, Will. Bowling, Will. Lowick, William Hay, Thomas Hudson and Stephen Kemp, who were all six burnt together in one fire at Canterbury. Janu. 15. 1557. Sanguis Martyrum Semen in Ecclesia. Mr. John Philpot, a zealous Preacher and Professor of the Gospel, who when he had been baited twelve times by the Romish Mastiffs, sealed the Truth undauntedly with his Blood in Smithfield, January 16. 1557. Thomas Whittle Minister, Barth. Greene Gent. John Taylor, Tho. Went, Tho. Brown, Isab. Foster, and Joan Lastford, burnt at one fire in Smithfield, Janu. 27. 1556. Joan Catmore, Agnes Smith, and Joan Soal, three Female Martyrs burnt, Jan. 31. 1556.

But Male or Female, Papists ire,  
All's one to them, condemn'd to fire.

## Popish Cruelties

1. **T**He Duke *de Alva* in the *Netherlands*, by his Inquisition, which he called the Council of Blood, did destroy by Fire, Sword, Halters, Gibbets, and such other rare inventions of Cruelty, above 30000 Christians: And yet that good and religious Papist *Vargas* complained of him, that by his too much tenderneſs he made the *Netherlands* worſe.

2. In the year 1228. under *Innocent 3.* ſuch ſlaughters were made by the Inquisition, that the Popiſh Biſhops wrote to the Inquiſitors to ſtop a while, becauſe it was not only impoſſible to find Bread for the Priſoners till Execution, but to provide Lime and Stone to build Priſons for them; ſuch cruel people, ſurely their hearts are iron, and their heart-ſtrings wire.

————— *Men that were never born*  
*But on ſome Rock within the Pontick land,*  
*Or Scythian mountains that ſo wildly ſtand,*  
*And veins of Flint are every where diſperſt,*  
*In ſlender branches thorough their Iron breaſt.*

3. *Bellarmino* confeſſeth that a hundred thouſand of the *Albigenſes* were ſlain in one day under Pope *Innocent* the third.

4. In Anno 1538. one *Collins* a mad man, was burned in *Smithfield*, for holding up a Dog over his head, at ſuch time as the Prieſt ſaying Maſs was holding up the Hoſt over his head. A man more fit for *Bedlam* then burning, had he not met with ſuch ſavage rigour.

*With cruel people, moſt delighted when*  
*They bathe and paddle in the blood of men.*

5. In the year of our Lord 1572. under *Charles* the ninth of *France*, more then thirty thouſand Proteſtants were cruelly murdered in one month, which Act was ſo inhumane that one of their own perſwaſion was conſtrained to ſay, that in all antiquity there was not an inſtance of like Cruelty.

*Such men are Ounces, Tygers, Panthers brood,*  
*Whoſe healths are luſty mornings draughts of blood.*



# February hath XXVIII Days.

Last Quarter the first day at midnight.

New Moon the 9 day 21 minutes past 11 at night.

First Quarter the 16 day 41 min. past 3 in the afternoon.

Full Moon the 24 day 12 minutes past 2 in the morning.

MD.	WD.	Saints days and Fairs.	Signs.
1	D	Bromley F.	secrets
2	E	Wurt. of Pa.	secrets
3	F	4 after Epiph.	thighs
4	G	Sun rise 7, 10.	thighs
5	A	Sun set 4, 52.	knees
6	H	Stafford 6 days	knees
7	C	Sun rise 7, 4.	knees
8	D	Sun in Pisces.	legs
9	E	Landaffe F.	legs
10	F	Shrove Sunday	feet
11	G	Sun set 5, 4.	feet
12	A	Term ends.	head
13	H	Sun rise 6, 2.	head
14	C	Feverham F.	neck
15	D	14 Valentine.	neck
16	E	Sun set 5, 14.	armes
17	F	Quadragesima.	armes
18	G	Sun rise 6, 42.	breast
19	A	Sun set 5, 20.	breast
20	H	Sun rise 6, 3.	heart
21	C	Sun set 5, 24.	and
22	D	Sun rise 6, 34.	back
23	E	Sun set . 30.	bowels
24	F	St. Patches	bowels
25	G	Tewksbury F.	loynes
26	A	Staff. for Horses	and
27	H	Sun rise 6, 24.	reynes
28	C	Chesterfeild F.	secrets

This short Month was also rubricke with the death of these Martyrs ; *John Fardon*, *Rich. Turnime*, mart. Anno 1413. *Thom. Bugley* Priest, mart. 1431. *Tho. Rhedde*, mart. 1436. *John Rogers* a stout Champion for the Protestant Profession, mart. Feb. 4. 1555. *Lawrence Saunders*, a pious, prudent, painful Preacher, mart Feb. 2. 1555. *John Hooper* Bishop of Gloucester, and *Dr. Rowland Taylor* Minister of *Hadley* in *Suffolk*, two Christian Heroes, with Triumphant Patience welcomed Death, being martyred, Feb. 9. 1555. To these Martyrs we may add that eminent Confessor, and stout Champion against the Pope, *Dr. Martin Luther*, who dyed in Peace, Feb. 18. 1546.

*Wholy his Pen the truth so telling,  
Did flye the Papal Trinkets selling.*

*Robert Farar* Bishop of *St. Davids*, as pious a Bishop as he from whom the Town derives its name ; this man was good as well as great ; it is the highest dignity to be a pious Christian, he was martyred Feb. 22. 1555. *Tho. Bugay* mart. Anno 1511. one Pope of Eye, not the Pope of Rome, mart. 1512. *Sir John Oldcastle*, Lord *Culham*, mart. 1418. *Thomas Bagley* Priest, mart. 1431. The Mother of the *Lady Tung*, mart. 1490.

*All which by Papists bloody ire,  
Did mount to Heaven in flames of fire.*

## Popish Chastity.

1. **Pope Paul** the third, prostituted his Sister *Julia Farnesia* to the lust of *Alexander* the 6th, that he might be made Cardinal, and being Pope, committed incest with his own Daughter *Constantia*, and poysoned her Husband *Bosius Persia*, to enjoy her the more freely; and served his own Sister with the same sauce upon suspicion that she play'd false with him, but for pressing too close upon his Niece *Laura Farnesia* in the like matter, her Husband taking him in the act, gave him a mark which he carried to his Grave, and yet this Pope is said by Catholick Historians to be a person of great vertues, although no other then an unnecessary letter in the Alphabet of Creatures.

*Whose Breasts being swoln with the Venerian game,  
Did warm themselves at lusts alluring flame.*

2. **Cardinal Hugo** when he took his leave at *Lyons* in *France*, told them, Friends since we came hither we have brought you great Commodity; for when we came, we found but three or four Bawdy-houses in the City, and now at our departure we leave you but one, but that one reacheth from the East-Gate to the West-Gate. But of such Cardinals and their followers it may be said.

*The quintessence and abstract of all evil,  
Clothed in flesh to play the looser Devil.*

3. **Sixtus** the 4th builded in *Rome* Stews of both Sexes. And *Alexander* the 6th unmasked his Nephews, acknowledging them to be his Sons, and committed incest with his own Daughter *Lucretia*.

*Incarnate Devil, to act such a thing,  
Whose shame even hoarse with age black fame shall ring.*

4. **Johannes Cremenfis** being Legat here in *England* from *Pope Honorius* the second, having made a large speech against Priests Marriages, shewing how hainous a thing it was to rise from the side of a Woman, to Consecrate the Body and Blood of our Lord, yet this pious chaste Priest was the same night taken in Bed with a Whore.

*Unto a Preacher its no foul disgrace  
When his own sins reprove him to his face.*

# March hath XXXI Days.

Last Quarter the 4 day 8 minutes past 5 in the morning.

New Moon the 11 day 57 minutes past 9 in the forenoon.

First Quarter the 17 day 17 minutes past 12 at night.

Fall Moon the 23 day 4 minutes past 6 in the afternoon.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days and Fairs.	Signes.
1	D	Chertsey Fair	secrets
2	E	Sun set, 5. 43.	thighs
3	F	3 Sand. in Lent.	and
4	G	Bedford Fair.	hips
5	A	Lancaster F.	knees
6	B	Sun rise 6. 9.	knees
7	C	Worksep F.	legs
8	D	Traganon F.	legs
9	E	Sun set 5. 53.	feet
10	F	Midlent Sund.	feet
11	G	Sun rise 5. 58.	head
12	A	Woburn F.	head
13	B	Bodwin F.	neck
14	C	Sun set 6. 9.	neck
15	D	Sun rise 5. 49.	armes
16	E	Sun set 6. 13.	armes
17	F	Passion Sunday.	breast
18	G	Sturbridge F.	and
19	A	Sun rise 5. 41.	stomac.
20	B	Durham F.	heart
21	C	Sun set 6. 23	heart
22	D	Towcester F.	bowels
23	E	Sun rise 5. 33	bowels
24	F	Palm Sunday.	reins
25	G	Annun. Mary	and
26	A	25 St. Albans F.	loins
27	B	Derby Fair.	secrets
28	C	Mauudy Thursday	secrets
29	D	Good Fryday.	highs
30	E	Sun set 6. 42.	and
31	F	Calster day.	hips

This month produceth these Martyrs, viz. Dr. John Weselianus, Anno 1479. Will Taylor, March 2. 1422. Hen. Saphen, Anno 1496. Mr. Tho. Bilney, who from a violent Papist turned to be a pious Protestant, by the faithful Preaching and Conuersation of Mr. Latimer, mart. 1531. David Foster, Valentine Freeze and his Wife, mart. Rawlins White, mart. March 5. 1555. Tho. Higbed Gent. Thomas Cornston. Will Hunter, all three in one day sealed the Truth of their Profession with their blood. mart. March 25. 1555. That Religious Person, and great instrument of the Reformation, Thomas Cranmer Archbishop of Canterbury, martyred March 21. 1555. who having with his right hand subscribed to a Recantation, burnt that hand first for betraying the Truth. Robert Spicer, Will Cokerley, and one Maunderel, martyred March 24. 1556. Cathbert Symyson, Hugh Fox, John Deuonish, three eminent Martyrs, constantly endured the flames, and Elijah like, went to Heaven in fiery Chariots, being martyred March 28. 1556. John Lawrence Minister, sealed that Doctrine which he Preached with his Blood, martyred March 29. 1555.

Thus they of Life bereaue  
Are now made Saints of Heaven.

1. A Certain Nun at Venice used to fast sometimes a week, sometimes a fortnight together, or more, feeding her self upon nothing but pious Meditations and devout Prayers all the while; she made fools wonder, till the wiser sort discovered her cheat; which was, an artificial Box made like a Bible, fill'd with March-panes, Sweet-meats, Spirits, and other delicate Dainties, by which she could fast very handsomely.

2. Saint Ignatius his Linnen being washed with devotion by a certain devout Woman, restored life and motion to her withered hand, and made it again as sound as a Roach.

3. St. Osthia's head being cut off by a Danish Pirate, at the very place a clear Fountain broke forth, which cured several kind of Diseases; moreover as soon as her head was off, the Body presently rose up, and taking up the head in the hands, by the conduct of Angels, walked firmly the strait way to the Church of St. Peter and Paul, about a quarter of a mile distant from the place of her suffering; and when it was come there, it knocked at the door with the bloody hands, as desiring it might be opened, and thereon left marks of blood; having done this, it fell there down to the ground.

*This sure detracts from all Romances glory,  
Who in them have not such another story;  
There's none of them shall with my Author fight,  
But yield the whetstone to him as his right.*

4. A poor man at Paris, whose Wife was barren, sought out for help to all the Saints that are noted to be good at that infirmity, he trotted up and down from one Shrine to another, till at last he came to our Lady of Loretto in Italy, and with a word of her mouth she did the feat; for at his return he found his Wife had gotten three pretty Babes about her; which (though some suspected his Wives honesty) you must firmly believe were the issue of the Virgin Mary.

*And so 'tis good for men not to believe,  
And then the wearing horns will them not grieve.*

# April hath XXX Days.

Last Quarter the 2 day 31 minutes past 9 at night.  
 New Moon the 9 day 32 minutes past 6 afternoon.  
 First Quarter the 16 day 42 minutes past 10 forenoon.  
 Full Moon the 24 day at 11 in the forenoon.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints days and Fairs.	Signs.
1	F	Easter Mon.	knees
2	a	Easter Tue.	knees
3	b	Leek Staff. F.	legs
4	c	Sun rise 5. 8.	legs
5	d	Wallingford F.	legs
6	e	Sun set 6. 6.	feet
7	f	Low Sunday	feet
8	g	Kettering Fair	head
9	a	Billingworth	head
10	b	Sun in Taurus	neck
11	c	Newport Pag.	neck
12	d	Sun rise 4. 52.	armes
13	e	Odeton F.	armes
14	f	2 after Easter	breast
15	g	Sun set 7. 13.	breast
16	a	East Greenstead	heart
17	b	Term begins	heart
18	c	Sun rise 4. 41.	bowels
19	d	Sun set 7. 21.	and
20	e	Stonehouse Gr.	belly
21	f	3 after Easter	reins
22	g	Stafford Fair	reins
23	a	St. George	secrets
24	b	Sun rise 4. 30.	secrets
25	c	Dark Chan.	secrets
26	d	Tenrerden F.	thighs
27	e	Bosworth R.	thighs
28	f	4 after Easter	knees
29	g	Sun set 7. 38.	knees
30	a	Beverley F.	knees

This Month was also dyed red with the blood of these Martyrs. Robert Hatches, Tin. Bound, Wrigsham, Lamsdale, and Wm. Smith, mart. April 4. 1519. George Marle burnt in a cruel manner, a firkin of Pitch, Rosin and Tar, being placed over his head, which melting down basted him, whilst the fire beneath roasted him, to Cook up a Restorative Dish for a languishing Pope.

*A Cruelty exceeding  
Tigers and Panthers breeding.*

*W Flower min. mart. the same day, the Drake, min. Tho. Tyms, Richard Spurge, Joan Cavil, George Ambrose, martyred in Smithfield, Bonners shambles, April 21. 1556. Chr. Lijter, min. J. Mart, Jo. Spencer, Sim. Joyn, Rt. Nichol, Jo. Hamad, all six martyred at Colchester, April 21. 1556. Surely the Pope is pleased when they thus come in by half dozens. Tho. Loseley, Hen. Ramsey, Tho. Thistle, Margret Hide, and Agnes Stanley, all burnt in one fire in Smithfield, and Bloody Bonner, who more cruel then a Turk or Troglodyte, was never well but when he was quaffing of Humane blood. Will. Nichol, martyred 1557. Papist hearts as hard as if they had drunk of the Cirouam stream, that treadeth all the entrails into stone.*

*Thus into Heaven being mounted,  
They mong the just are counted.*



## Popish Blasphemies.

1. **A**T *Angiers* a company of bloody Papists broke into the House of a Merchant, where they found many Bibles which they burnt; but one amongst the rest, larger, and richly gilt, they fixed upon the point of a Halbert, and in Procession carried it through the High-streets, crying out as they past along, Lo here is the truth of the Protestants, and the truth of the Devils; Lo here is, *The mighty God hath spoken.* At last, coming to the great Bridge, they threw it with contempt into the River, shouting out, The truth of the Devil is drowned.

2. The *Sicilian* Embassadors coming to ask Pardon of *Martin* the fourth, delivered their supplication, by saying three times, *O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the World, have mercy on us!*

3. Pope *Sixtus* the fourth, when he should first enter into *Rome*, in his Papal Dignity, had made for him a Pageant of Triumph, cunningly fixed upon the Gate of the City he should enter at, having written upon it this blasphemous Verse, dedicated unto him.

*Oracula vocis mundi moderaris habenas;  
Et merito in terris crederis esse Deus.*

By Oracle of thy own voice the World thou govern'st all  
And worthily a God on Earth men think and do thee call.

4. *Capistranus* (whose Name alludes to his desert, viz. a Halber) saith, That Scripture, *He that cometh from above, is above all,* is to be applied to the Pope.

*And thus Domitian drunk with damned pride,  
Although a Devil, would be Deify'd.*

5. Pope *Julius* the third, being forbidden Pork by his Physician, as not agreeing with his distemper, swore valiantly, he would have Pork in spite of God himself. This Pope was a great Sodomite, and gave a Cardinals Hat to a Sodomitical Boy whom he had used in that Beastly sort.

# May hath XXXI Days.

Last Quarter the 2 day 26 minutes past 10 in the forenoon.  
 New Moon the 9 day 34 minutes past 1 in the morning.  
 First Quarter the 15 day 21 minutes past 11 at night.  
 Full Moon the 24 day 19 minutes past 2 in the morning.  
 Last Quarter the 31 day 40 minutes past 7 in the afternoon.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days and Fairs.	Signes.
1	h	Phil. and Ja.	legs
2	c	Worksworth F.	legs
3	d	Arundell F.	feet
4	e	Chesterfeild F.	feet
5	f	Rogation Sunday	head
6	g	Amesbury F.	head
7	a	Oxford Fair	neck
8	h	Wehmerly F.	neck
9	c	Ascension day.	armes
10	d	Ashborn Peak	armes
11	e	Sun in Gem.	breast
12	f	Exaudi.	breast
13	g	Term ends.	heart
14	a	Sun rise 4, 0.	and
15	h	Sun set 8, 3.	back
16	c	Sun rise 3, 57.	bowels
17	d	Sun set 8, 4.	bowels
18	e	Sun rise 3, 55.	reins.
19	f	Whit. Sund.	reins
20	g	Whit. Mond.	secrets
21	a	Whit. Tues.	secrets
22	h	Sun set 8, 10.	secrets
23	c	Sun rise 3, 48.	thighs
24	d	Sun set 8, 12.	thighs
25	e	Blackburn F.	knees
26	f	Trinity Sund.	knees
27	g	Montgomery F.	knees
28	a	Sun rise 3, 48.	legs
29	b	Carol. 2 Nat.	legs
30	c	Sun set 8, 16.	feet
31	d	Term begins	feet

In this month we find these Persons to have obtained the Crown of Martyrdom, *John Hiss* martyred at *Constance*, notwithstanding his Letters of safe conduct from the Emperor *Sigismund*, to make good their ungodly Maxims, that no Faith is to be kept with Hereticks; he suffered *Ann* 1415. *Hugh Laneycock*, *John Ap-price*, martyred May 15. 1555. *Katharine Nat.*, *Eliz. Thacknell*, and *Joan Horns*, though Females, yet of a Masculine Courage for the Truth, mart. May 16. 1556. A blind Boy and another with him, mart. May 1. 1556. His Holinesse will play at *tooth* Games rather then sit out for a wrangler. *Thomas Spicer*, *John Denny*, *William Poul*, martyred May 21. 1556. *William Harris*, *Robert Day*, *C. George*, martyred May 26. 1558. One would think so much blood should make his Holinesse queasie Stomach. *Robert King*, *Robert Delnam*, *Nicholas March*, *John Cardmaker*, alias *Taylor*, martyred May 31. 1555. *Will. Norrunt*, *S. Gratwick*, mart. May 29. 1557. These Glorious Martyrs were not more weary of suffering, then my Pen is wearied with Writing, or any Reader weary with Reading.

*These Blessed Martyrs for Heavens joys  
 Did count their sufferings to be joys.*

## Popish Pride.

*The Order and Ceremonies used when the Pope is conveyed  
about the City of Rome.*

**H**is Pages and others of his Domestick Servants, appa-  
relled in his Livery, march first, leading a Lone-  
Horse; a Mule and an Horse-Litter followeth, carried by  
two little white Mules well harnassed, and adorned with  
Crimson Velvet, as is the first Horse and Mule. Then the  
Switzers of his Guard march two and two, followed by  
some of his Noblemen and Cavaliers, well mounted: Af-  
terwards comes his Officers and Chamberlains on Horse-  
back, wearing Square Caps. Then comes he that bears the  
Cross before his Holiness, and the Master of the Ceremo-  
nies, who as he goeth, crieth out, *Abassa, Abassa*, that is,  
Down Gentlemen, fall down; to give notice to every body  
to put their Knee to the ground, that in that most humble  
posture they may be ready to receive the Divine Blessing  
of their Spiritual Mortal God, and Holy Father the Pope;  
who being in his Horse-Litter, covered with Crimson Vel-  
vet, scorns to be nice of his precious Benediction, but  
throws It away to all the crowd about him. On each side  
of his Litter walk two Pages bare-headed, as well to con-  
duct and guide the Mules that carry him, as to be ready to  
receive his commands when he hath occasion. After these  
comes the Cardinals mounted on their Mules, most gallantly  
accoutred, who are followed by the Archbishops, the Bi-  
shops, and other Eminent Officers of the Clergy: His Light  
Horsemen bring up the Rear, who are well mounted and  
armed. In this order being come to his Palace Gate, he  
turns about to the People, and in giving them leave to de-  
part, is also very bountiful again in bestowing his Blessing  
on them. *Dost not this Pomp well become he who stileth him-  
self, the Servant of Servants.*

*Yet in his Acts with a disdainful scorn,  
Thinks himself better than the best is born.*

# June hath xxx. days.

Mew Moon the 7 day 8 min. past 10 in the Forenoon.  
 First Quarter the 14 day 51 min. past 1 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 22 day 18 min. past 4 in the afternoon.  
 Last Quarter the 30 day near 2 in the morning.

1	e	Chapplefrith.	head
2	f	1 after Trin.	and
3	g	Alesbury F.	face
4	a	Sun rise 3. 41.	neck
5	b	Sun set 8. 19.	neck
6	c	Sun rise 3. 41.	arms
7	d	Worksex F.	arms
8	e	Milton F.	breast
9	f	2 after Trin.	breast
10	g	Abington F.	heart
11	a	S. Barnab	heart
12	b	11 Newp. Pa.	bowels
13	c	Newton Mag.	bowels
14	d	Bangor F.	reins
15	e	Pershore F.	and
16	f	3 after Trin.	loins
17	g	Jadstock F.	secrets
18	a	Marchenlouth	secrets
19	b	Term ends.	highs
20	c	Hereford F.	and
21	d	Sun set 8. 18.	hips
22	e	S. Albans F.	knees
23	f	4 after Trin.	knees
24	g	S. Jo. Bap.	legs
25	a	Sun rise 3. 46.	legs
26	b	Northop F.	feet
27	c	Folkestone F.	feet
28	d	Hescorn F.	feet
29	e	S. Pet Ap.	head
30	f	5 after Trin.	head

This hot weather was made hotter by the burning of these Martyrs, Mrs. Ann Askew, a Gentlewoman of great Learning as well as Religion, mart. 1546. Hierome of Prague, an early discoverer of Popish Falsities, mart. June 1. 1416. Nic. Belman, Tho. Hanky, mart. June 10. 1555. Tho. Watts, John Simpson, John Audley, June 14. 1555. Here was more halt than good speed. Nich. Chamberlain; Tho. Hinsond, William Bramford, mart. June 15. 1555. Thomas Harland, June 6. 1556. John Osward, Thomas Read, June 20. Trin. Abington, Thomas Woodwin, Tho. Milton, mart. June 23. 1556.

Three Thomas's for Christ his Cause  
 Did suffer by the Papists Lawes

Ralph Jackson, Henry Adlington, Lyn Cawch, William Halliwell, George Searls, John Routh, John Densal, Henry Wye, Edmond Hurst, Lawrence Parman, Thomas Bowyer, Eliz. Pepper, and Agnes George, These Thirteen made up a Compleat Jury, who brought in their Verdict for the Truth, and sealed it with their Blood, June 27. 1556. John Loyd, John Hollyday, Roger Holland, June 27. 1557.

Whereby Heaven might be got,  
 Their Lives they valued not.

## *Popish Lies and Slanders.*

1. The Papists report, That *Calvin's* own Son being taken with a mad dog, was sent by his Father to one of their Saints Images for cure; and that being cured he turned Papist. This Lye would have carried the more probability, but that it is well known Mr. *Calvin* had no Son.

2. They also report of the same Mr. *Calvin*, That he hired a fellow to counterfeit himself dead, that he might have the credit to raise him to Life.

3. They also report, That when *Martin Luther* died, all the Devils attended at his Funeral; and that *Calvin* was taken to death with Lice and Worms, and died calling upon the Devil: And of *Luther* this Verse is common in their mouths.

*He brake his Vow, and lay with a Nun,  
And thus way Heresie first begun.*

But shameless men care not what Lies they vent, as may be exemplified in *Claudius Putenanus*, who before *Beza's* death seven years, wrote a Book, publishing to the world, that *Beza*, at his death, turned Papist, and renounced his Religion: So that the good old man was forced to write another, to prove that he was alive, and not dead; a Protestant still, and not a Papist.

*That is an ill Religion which is grounded  
On Falsities, that without Sense are founded.*

4. When the House in *Black-Friers* fell down, and slew their Priests, with abundance of Papists, they printed a Book, to perswade the world, that it was a company of Protestants met together at the hearing of one of their Teachers. O shameless impudence!

*Now blush for shame ye addle-pated Friers,  
Whom every Child can prove ye to be Lyars.*



July hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the 6 day 29 min. past 5 afternoon.  
 First Quarter the 14 day 54 min. past 1 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 22 day 58 min. past 4 in the morning.  
 Last Quarter the 29 day 7 min. past 8 in the forenoon.

1	A	Sun set 8. 10	neck
2	a	Ashton und. 1	neck
3	b	Sun rise 3. 52	arms
4	c	Sun set 8. 7.	arms
5	d	Burton on Tr.	breast
6	e	Hannevil F.	breast
7	f	3 after Trin.	heart
8	g	Burntwood	heart
9	a	Sun rise 3. 59.	bowels
10	b	Foulnes F.	and
11	c	Parmeg F.	belly
12	d	Sun in Leo.	reins
13	e	Fotheringh F.	reins
14	f	7 after Trin.	secrets
15	g	Greensted F.	secrets
16	a	Sun set 7 50.	secrets
17	b	Stevenage F.	thighs
18	c	Sun rise 4. 12.	thighs
19	d	Dog days begin.	knees
20	e	Barkway F.	knees
21	f	8 after Trin.	legs
22	g	Kimbolton F.	legs
23	a	Caenarvon F.	legs
24	b	Sun set 7. 28.	feet
25	c	James Ap.	feet
26	d	Bewlley F.	head
27	e	Ashwell Fair.	head
28	f	9 after Trin.	neck
29	g	Sun rise 4 29.	neck
30	a	Stafford Fair	arms
31	b	Sun set 7 29.	arms

This Month these Martyrs suffered under the Papiests Tyranny, Hen. VII. fo. Esch. mart. July 1. 1522. John Irish, one whose Learning and Piety made him eminently Famous, mart. July 4. 1523. Anthony Person, July 18. 1543. Robert Testwood, Henry Fildmore, mart. July 1543. John Bradford, Preacher, one of the Primitive Saints and Temper, sealed the Truth with his Blood, July 12. 1555. John Pelly, William Ming, Minister, Richard Chok, John Blond, Preacher, mart. July 12. 1555. The Papiests scorn to murder by Retail: Persecution brings whole Grist to their Mill. John Franck, mart. Humphrey Middleton, Nich. Shertenarden, William Digbill, Derrick Cover, mart. July 12. 1555. Here the Papiests drank full draughts of Protestants Blood: Thomas Iveson, Nich. Hall, July 13. 1555. In the Isle of Wight, Catharine Coveker, and Perotine Messey, her Daughter, were burnt: The said Perotine being big with Child, could not obtain a Reprieve till she was delivered; her Child with the violence of the flame burst out of her Womb, and was cruelly thrown in again to the fire.

Cruel beyond compare  
 Than Bears or Tygers are.

1. That the Pope is infallible, is the foundation of Popery; and yet some of them have denied the immortality of the soul, and the life everlasting: and one of them scoffing blasphemously at the scripture, said, *Quantus nobis divitias comparavit ista fabula Christi*: Oh what a world of gain have we got by the Fable of Christ: A speech so blasphemous, that *Porphyrie*, or *Julian* the Apostat's could never match it.

2. All Catholics (saith *Bellarmino*) are agreed, That whatsoever the Pope determines (whether it be fallible or infallible, all's a case) he must be obeyed with all willingness by the faithful.

*This blind obedience brings them to promotion,*

*As Ignorance is the Moth r of Devotion.*

3. *Filintius* the Jesuit holds, That if a man have purpose-ly wearied himself with satisfying a Whore, that he might be dispenced with from fasting on a fasting day; he is not at all obliged to fast.

4. *Campion* tells you his Judgment: Whatsoever (saith he) the Church commands me to believe, I believe it as firmly as I do believe I am alive, tho never so contrary to Right or Reason.

5. The Council of *Trent* decreed, That Traditions were to be received with the same pious affection and reverence as the Holy Scriptures:

*Traditions may be false, whence we infer,*

*Only to Scripture trust, which cannot err.*

6. The Jesuits by their Vow of Mission, think themselves bound to obey their General, or the Pope, without demanding any Reason, in all dangerous and hazardous Attempts whatsoever, which they so constantly do, that, as it is reported, a Jesuit, being in the midst of his Mass, was sent for by *Ignatius*, to whom, leaving off his Mass, he went immediately: *Ignatius* having no business wherein to employ him, told him, That he only sent for him to try his Obedience; and withal profanely added, *That Obedience was better than Sacrifice*. And this is called the blind Obedience of the Jesuits.

# August hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the 3 day 21 min. past 3 in the morning.  
 First Quarter 12 day 13 min. past 11 at night.  
 Full Moon 20 day 17 min. past 4 in the afternoon.  
 Last Quarter 27 day 38 min. past 10 in the forenoon.

1	c	Lammas day	breast
2	b	Sun rise 4. 36.	breast
3	e	Sun set 7. 22.	heart
4	f	10 after Trin.	and
5	g	4 Thunder. F.	back
6	a	Bardney Fair.	bowels
7	b	Sun rise 4. 45.	bowels
8	c	Sun set 7. 13.	reins
9	d	Aberlew Fair.	reins
10	e	Banbury F.	secrets
11	f	11 after Trin.	secrets
12	g	Sun rise 4. 54.	secrets
13	a	Sun in Virgo.	thighs
14	b	Sun set 7. 4.	thighs
15	c	St. Albans F.	knees
16	d	Sun set 6. 38.	knees
17	e	Sun rise 5. 43.	knees
18	f	12 after Trin.	legs
19	g	Sun set 6. 52.	legs
20	a	Sun rise 5. 10.	feet
21	b	Sun set 6. 48.	feet
22	c	Sun rise 5. 14.	head
23	d	Sun set 6. 44.	head
24	e	Bartho. Alp.	neck
25	f	13 after Trin.	neck
26	g	25 Breckn. F.	arms
27	a	Sun rise 5. 24.	and
28	b	Ashford Fair.	should
29	c	Corby Fair	breast
30	d	Sun set 6. 30.	breast
31	e	Sun rise 5. 32.	heart

In this Month of August suffer'd these painfull Labourers in Gods Harvest, Leonard Keys, Farmer Abbermart. August 16. 1527. John Dingley. Gent. mart. August 8. 1555. Gentle or Simple, who will not bow the Knee to the Pope, he will cut them off by the Knees. William Bougcor, Robert Pureas, Thomas Benales, Agnes Smith, Ellen Ewring, Elizabeth Finks, Three Men and Three Women burnt at Colchester, August 2. 1557. all which the hungry Pope supp'd up like so many Poach'd Eggs for his Breakfast. And in the same place he had Alice Munt, William Munt, Rose Allen, John Johnson, seyl'd up for his Afternoon's Lunchion, a Beaver. This was a joyfull day with his Holiness. George Eagles, one Brother, and the Sister of the said George Eagles, martyr'd the same day. William Hale, Robert Samuel, and Joan Waste, mart. August 1. 1556. William Corker, William Hopper, Henry Lawrence, Richard Collier, William Sme, and Five more: at Casterbury August 2. 1555. Sinspro patientiam tuam Joh. Elizabeth Waine, George Tankersfield mart. August 16. 1555. Thomas Hurst, Stephen Harwood, mart. August 30. 1555. In the Cup which she had filled, fill to her double, Rev. 18. 6.

## *Popish Merits and Pardons.*

1. Pope Clement the Fifth taught (as indeed it is true) that one drop of our Saviour's Blood had been enough to have saved all mankind; but (this he added) seeing that all that precious blood was spilt, the overplus was given as a Treasure to the Church, to be disposed according to the discretion of St. Peter, and his Successors. Hereunto they joyned the merits of the Virgin Mary, and all the Saints; So that this Treasure can never be drawn dry: And hereon he founded the Vertue of Pardons and Indulgences.

2. Dr. Heylyn in his *Cosmography*, saith; that he hath read of a Pardon given by Pope Boniface the Eighth (of whom it is said, he entred like a Fox, liv'd like a Lion, and dy'd like a Dog); it was a Pardon for 82000. years to all them which would say such a Prayer of St. Augustine, and that for every day toties quoties.

*Thus they to pardon others are not scant,  
Yet many of themselves may pardon want.*

3. In the Church of St. Mary Major, in Rome, on the Right Hand of the Altar there is the Cradle that Jesus lay in, some of our Ladies Milk, and a great part of the Holy Cross, and of many other Bodies of Saints, which who so goeth on Pilgrimage to see, he shall have Nineteen Thousand Years of Pardon; but if these precious Reliques should happen to be counterfeited, then (for any thing I know) he may lose his labour.

4. Item, To the Church of St. John Lateran, in the same City, Pope Sylvester gave thereto as many Years of Pardon as it rained drops of water that day he hallowed the Church. Now when he had done it, he doubted whether he had so much power or no, because it rained an extraordinary shower that day: but (saith my Author) there came a Voice from Heaven, which said, Sylvester, thou hast power to do it. And therefore, O Reader, thou canst not but believe it.

September hath xxx. days.

New Moon the 3 day 39 Minutes past 3 in the afternoon  
 First Quarter the 11 day 17 min. past 5 in the afternoon  
 Full Moon the 19 day 46 min. past 5 in the morning  
 Last Quarter the 25 day 13 min past 3 in the afternoon

1	ff	14 after Trin.	heart
2	g	Epping 2 & 3.	bowels
3	a	Sun set 6. 21.	bowels
4	b	Sun rise 5. 41.	Reins
5	c	Probus F.	and
6	d	Sun set 6. 15.	Loyus
7	e	Wodbur. hill F.	secrets
8	ff	15 after Trin.	secrets
9	g	Sturbridge F.	thighs
10	a	Basingstoke.	and
11	b	Sun in Libra.	hipps
12	c	Enfield F.	knees
13	d	Newton F.	knees
14	e	Holy Rood.	legs
15	ff	16 after Trin.	legs
16	g	Sun rise 6. 6.	legs
17	a	Llanidlas F.	feet
18	b	Wallingfor. F.	feet
19	c	Sun set. 5. 47.	head
20	d	Llanvelley F.	head
21	e	Watth. Alp	neck
22	ff	17 after Trin.	neck
23	g	Towcester F.	arms
24	a	Llanvilling F.	arms
25	b	East Greenst.	breast
26	c	Sudbury F.	breast
27	d	Basingstoke.	heart
28	e	Carmarthen F.	heart
29	ff	Mich. Arch.	bowel
30	g	Althorn Peak	bowel

In this Month we find registred these  
 Martyrs, *William Wright*, Minister.  
*John Waddon* Min. mart. 1428, re-  
 move the Pastors, and the ignorant  
 people will be brought to their Lure  
*William Gardiner* mart. Anno 1552. of  
 the same name, but a far different  
 nature from *Stephen Gardiner* the Per-  
 secutor. *William Allen* mart. 1554.  
*Thomas Cob*, *Tixmas* *Coe* Martyrs, 1555.  
*George Calmere* mart. Sept. 6. 1555. *Co*  
*Bungay*, Sept. 8. *Robert Streater*, *An-*  
*thony Borward*, *George Bradbridge*, *James*  
*Tully*, Sept. 6. 1555. Precious in the  
 sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.  
*Cicely Ormes*, *Joyce Lewis*, mart. Sept.  
 10. 1555. *John Warn*, *Christian Glover*,  
*Thomas Atkash*, *John Ashdane*, *Thomas*  
*Spurdance*, *John Fortune*, mart. 1557.  
 Had these Marian days lasted long, so  
 many Fires would have made Wood  
 leat. *Ralph Allerton*, *Richard Ruck*,  
*James Anslooe*, and *Margery* his Wife,  
 all burnt in one Fire at *Islington*, Sept.  
 17. 1557. *J. Cude*, Shoemaker at  
*Northampton* mart. September 23. *Ed-*  
*ward Sharp*, *John Hart*, September  
 24. 1556. *Agnes Bouger*, *Margaret*  
*Thurstano*, martyred at *Colchester*, Sep-  
 tember 17.

Truths Ben fires, who gave up their lives  
 For Conscience sake not dreading death.



*Popish Saints, vide Sinners.*

1. Pope *John* the 12th, who was openly in Council convicted of Ravishing Maids, Wives and Widows at the Apostolick doors, of committing many murders: He drank in Health to the Devil, plaid at Dice, calling upon the Heathenish Idols, *Jupiter* and *Venus*, and at last was slain in the act of Adultery:

*For to think otherwise it is a Folly,  
But this his Holiness was most unholy.*

2. *Alexander* the sixth, a Spaniard by birth, who with two of his Sons (as *Guiccardine*, one of their own Historians, saith) committed Incest with his own Daughter, and took her from her Husband, that he might have her more freely to himself. He also caused *Gernes*, the *Turk's* Brother, to be poisoned, thereby making Christianity to stink in the Ottoman Family. But as he lived wickedly, so he died miserably, being poisoned with the same bane which he had prepared for another. For his other Virtues, you may hear them comprized in this Epitaph:

*Perhaps whose Tomb this is (my friends) ye do not know,  
Then pause a while, if that ye have no haste to go:  
Tho' Alexander's Name upon the Stone be graven,  
'Tis not that Great but he that later was Prelate shorn and shaven,  
Who thirsting after blood, devour'd so many a noble Town,  
Who rest and turn'd the rutiful States of Kingdoms up-side-down,  
Who to enrich his Sons so many Nobles slew,  
And wast the world with Fire and Sword, and spoiling to him drew,  
Defying Laves of Earth and Heaven; and God himself ere while:  
So that the sinful Father did the Daughters Bed defile;  
And could not from the bands of wicked Woolock oncerefrain:  
And yet this pestilent Prelate did in Rome ten years remain,  
Now friend, remember Nero, or else Caligula his Vice;  
Or Heliogabalus: enough; the rest ye may surmise.*

# October hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the 3 day 55 min. past 6 in the morning.  
 First Quarter the 11 day at 1 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 18 day 40 min. past 12 at Noon.  
 Last Quarter the 25 day 21 min. past 2 in the morning.

1	a	Banbury F.	bowels
2	b	Salisbury F.	reins
3	c	Sun rise 6. 40.	reins
4	d	Weald F.	secrets
5	e	Chappel Frith	secrets
6	f	19 after Trin.	secrets
7	g	6 Maidstone F.	thighs
8	a	Chichester F.	thighs
9	b	Sabridgworth	knees
10	c	Sun set 5. 6.	knees
11	d	Sun rise 6. 56.	knees
12	e	Llangeves F.	legs
13	f	Sun in Scorpio	legs
14	g	13 Royston F.	feet
15	a	Sun set 4. 56.	feet
16	b	Daventry F.	head
17	c	Sun rise 7. 8.	head
18	d	Luke Evan.	neck
19	e	18 Ashwell F.	neck
20	f	21 after Trin.	arms
21	g	Coventry F.	arms
22	a	& Walden F.	breast
23	b	Term begins	breast
24	c	23 Preston F.	heart
25	d	St. Crispine	and
26	e	Wehmerley F.	back
27	f	22 after Trin.	bowels
28	g	S Sim & J.	bowels
29	a	28 Wilton F.	reins
30	b	Albermarls F.	reins
31	c	Ruthin F.	secrets

October presents us with this Catalogue of Martyrs, who sealed their Faith with their Blood; and first, William Tindall, against whom the Papiſts had an inveterate Spleen for translating the Scripture into English, and thereby let in the Light amongst the People, which Light discovered their Doctrine, and Decree of Darkness amongst the People. He was martyred Anno 1534. Peter, a German, Thomas Garrard, Robert Barnes, mart. 1539. VVilliam VValsey, Robert Pigot, October 4. 1555. Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, Two Pious Godly Bishops, who left their Earthly Miters to enjoy a Crown of Glory. The latter of these, when he was near his Death, sent to the Martyr Hooper for Reconciliation, who had formerly differed about Ceremonies. They were martyred at Oxford, October 16. 1555. Adam Wall, VVilliam Hooker, Mark Burges, Mr. Simpson, a Priest, Beneved, a Friar, Norman Gorly, Vicar of Galor, a Black Canon, with Four others. Anno 1556. J. VVells, Gent. G. Rooper, Gregory Park, mart. October 30. 1555.

For Torments Transitory,  
 They now joy Life in Glory.

## The Rare Inventions of Several Popes.

1. *Sergius* the Fourth, was the first that on *Christmas-Night*, with divers Ceremonies, consecrated Swords, Roses, or the like, which afterward are sent as a Token of Love and Honour to such Princes as like them best. *Leo* the Tenth sent a consecrated Rose to *Frederick*, Duke of *Saxony*, desiring him to banish *Luther*. The like did *Clement* the Seventh to our *Henry* the Eighth, for writing against *Luther*. So *Paul* the Third sent an Hallowed Sword to *James* the Fifth of *Scotland*, when he began the War with our *Henry* the Eighth. The like did *Julius* the Second to our *Henry* the Seventh in his Wars against his Rebels.

2. *Sergius* the Third instituted the bearing about of Candles, for the Purification of the blessed Virgin *Mary*.

3. *Innocent* the Third invented *Transubstantiation*, and ordained, that there should be a *Pix* to cover the Bread, and a Bell to be rung before it. He also brought *Auricular Confession* into the Church.

4. *Celestine* the Second was the inventor of that mad kind of cursing by Bell, Book and Candle.

5. *Boniface* the Eighth instituted the *Roman Jubilee*, and decreed, that it should be solemnized every hundred year; but by *Clement* the Sixth it was brought to fifty.

6. *Sergius* the Second was the first that changed his Name; for his Name being *Bocca di Porco*, or *Swines-mouth*, he caused himself to be called *Sergius*; which President his Successors following, do also vary their Names. So that if one be a Coward, he is called *Leo*; if a Tyrant, *Clement*; if an Atheist, *Pius*, or *Innocent*; if a Rustick, *Urbanus*; and so of the rest.

7. *Sixtus* the Fourth brought in Beads, and made our Ladies Psalter. He was a special Benefactor to the Whores, building in *Rome* Stews of both Sexes. Now of this Holy Father, for his advancement of Whoredom, it may well be said, what the Poet wrote of Pope *Innocent* the Eighth:

*Eight Boys Pope Nocent did beget,  
as many Maids in all.*

*O Rome! most justly maist thou sure  
this Pope a Father call.*

# November hath xxx. days.

New Moon the 2 day a quarter before 1 in the morning.  
 First Quarter the 10 day 35 min. past 3 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 16 day 30 min. past 10 at night.  
 Last Quarter the 23 day 20 minutes past 5 afternoon.

1	d	All Saints.	secret
2	e	Kingst. on T.	secret
3	f	23 after Trin.	thighs
4	y	Sun rise 7. 42	thighs
5	a	Powder Plot.	knees
6	b	Newport Pan.	knees
7	c	Sun set 4. 13.	knees
8	d	Sun rise 7. 49.	legs
9	e	Sun set 4. 9.	legs
10	f	24 after Trin	feet
11	y	Wem Fair.	feet
12	a	Sun in Sagit.	feet
13	b	Chelmsford F.	head
14	c	Sun rise 7. 58.	head
15	d	Sun set 4. 0.	neck
16	e	Sun rise 8. 1.	neck
17	f	25 after Trin.	arms
18	y	17 Harlow F.	arms
19	a	Horsham F.	breast
20	b	Ingarstone F.	breast
21	c	Sun set 3. 52.	heart
22	d	Sawthey Fair.	heart
23	e	Ludlow Fair.	bowel
24	f	26 after Trin.	bowel
25	y	Higham Ferri.	reins
26	a	Sun rise 8. 12	and
27	b	Sun set 3. 47.	loins
28	c	Term ends.	secret
29	d	Shbam Peak.	secret
30	e	Andrew Ap.	thighs

The cold of this season did not abate the heat of Persecution, for in this Month were burned Richard Meagins, Richard Spencer, and Andrew Jewyt, mart. 1541. Thomas Bernard James Morton, mart. 1542. George Wifheheart Gent. John Kerby, Roger Lark, mart. 1546.

*Whose hearts are fixt on God above,  
 No torments will their Faith remove.*

Alexander Gorch, Alice Driver mart. at Ipswich Nov. 4. 1554. as no sex so secure, no Place was free from persecution, John Cornford, Christopher Brown, John Host, Alice Sneath, and Catherine Knight burnt at Canterbury November 10. 1558. These Godly Martyrs in their Prayers at the stake, begged of God, that their blood might be last that should be shed: That it might quench those flames which had devoured so many hundreds: to which Providence of God said Amen to their Prayers. Queen Mary dying about six days after their Martyrdom.

*And God so grant that it may be,  
 Such times again we may not see.*

### *Popish Usurpations.*

1. *Gregory the Great* (of whom it is said, that he was the worst Bishop of all that went before him, and the best of all that came after him), who lived about 600 years after Christs Incarnation, when the Bishop of *Constantinople* prevailed so far, that with the permission of *Mauritius*, the Emperor, he took upon him the Title of *Universal Bishop*, at which this *Gregory* sharply inveigh'd, as well against the Emperour as the Bishop, for this Title, and plainly maintained, That whosoever called himself *Universal Bishop*, was the forerunner of Antichrist. And yet Pope *Boniface*, who succeeded him, assumed it; out of which we must conclude, that either *Gregory* was not infallible, or else that *Boniface* was a proud Antichristian Usurper.

2. *Innocent the Third* held a Council at *Rome*, in which it was enacted, That the Pope should have the correction of all Christian Princes; and that no Emperour should be acknowledged till he had sworn Obedience to him. *Can you blame the Pope, if Christian Princes will suffer him to do it?*

3. Pope *Innocent's* Usurpations were so intollerable in *England*, that the Nobles commonly wrote in their Letters, "To such a Bishop, or such a Chapter; from us, who had rather die, than be ruin'd by the *Romish* Task masters.

4. *Bellarmino* saith, The Pope hath power to dispose of Kingdoms, to take them away from some, and give them to others.

*But whence he hath this Power, he cannot tell :  
'Tis not from Heaven, then must it be from Hell.*

5. *Boniface the Eighth*, by a general Bull, exempted the Clergy from all Taxes and Subsidies to Temporal Princes,



December hath xxxi. days.

New Moon the first day 4 min. past 1 afternoon.

First Quarter the 9 day at 6 in the afternoon.

Full Moon the 16 day at 10 in the forenoon.

Last Quarter 23 day 42 min. past 10 forenoon.

New Moon the 31 day 3 min. past 3 afternoon.

1	f	Advent. Sund.	thighs
2	u	Sun rise 8. 16.	thighs
3	a	Sun set 3. 43.	knees
4	b	Atherston F.	knees
5	c	Dolgeth Fair.	legs
6	d	Exeter Fair.	legs
7	e	Sandhurst F.	legs
8	ff	2 Sund. in Ad.	feet
9	g	8 Arundel F.	feet
10	a	Sun rise 8. 19.	head
11	b	Newport F.	head
12	c	Sun set 3. 41.	neck
13	d	Lucie Virg.	neck
14	e	Sun rise 8. 19	arms
15	ff	3 Sund. in Ad.	arms
16	g	Sun set 3. 41.	breast
17	a	Sun rise 8. 18	breast
18	b	Sun set 3. 42.	heart
19	c	Sun rise 8. 17	heart
20	d	Sun set 3. 43.	bowels
21	e	Tho. Apost	bowels
22	ff	4 Sund. in Ad.	reins
23	u	22 Llandilaw.	ind
24	a	Sun rise 8. 14.	joins
25	b	Christ. Nat	secrets
26	c	Stephen D.	secrets
27	d	S. Joh. Ev.	thighs
28	e	Innocents.	ind
29	ff	1 after Christ.	hips
30	u	29 Salisbury F	knees
31	a	Sun set 3. 51.	knees

To close up the Year, these Martyrs this Month suffered for their Conscience sake, viz. *Peter Sapience*, one whose Nature answered his Name, mart. 1545. *George Bucker*, alias *Adam Damply*, an Aged Man in *Buckingham-shire*, mart. 1531. Two *Grey-Friers*, whose Names are not written, mart. 1381. a Scholar of *Abeville*, mart. 1522. a Converted Jew, mart. 1528. No wonder if the poor Jews retain their Prejudice and Enmity against Christianity, when the Papists, who pretend to be the onely Christians, lay their Wooden Images before them for Stumbling-blocks, and then burn the poor people for not worshipping Idols. *Thomas Rhedoveris*, an Earl, mart. 1436. *Richard Hun*, mart. December the 4th 1515. This Hun they having hang'd in Prison, gave out, that he hanged himself. *John Tanksbury*, mart. December the 20th, 1531. *John Rough*, mart. December the 22d, 1557. *John Philpot*, a Reverend Divine, and painful Preacher, mart. December the 18th 1557. with many others, whose Names, not written in this Book, are recorded in the Book of Life.

### Popish Relicks.

1. One Father Stevens, a Popish Priest, who liv'd in London in the time of King James, had a Cross, wherein were affixed some Relicks of some Tyburn Martyr or others; which Cross being stollen from him, and carried one day almost fifty miles (*lacking but nine and forty and one*) the night following came back of its own accord, and he found it in the morning under his beds head. *This Galloping Cross would have been very convenient for those who lived then, to have hired for a journey instead of an Hackney.*

2. At Hallo, in Brabant, they boast to have the Breeches of Joseph, without Welt or Guard; also some Hair-cloth, the same that Elias wore, or else John the Baptist, they know not themselves well which; but if you please to pay well for the sight of it, it shall be of which you will your self.

3. In the Church of Saint Peter, on the Mount Vaticano in Rome, they shew the Bodies of St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles, the head of Saint Andrew, and of Saint Luke the Evangelist, and half the bodies of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and Christs Face Printed on the Handkerchief of Veronica; also the Head of the Spear thrust into the side of Christ; and among many Pillars brought from Jerusalem, one upon which Christ leaned, when he did preach and cast out Devils, which yet hath power (if you will believe them) to cast out Devils.

*But if you do not, yet I do not know*

*But without that a man to Heaven may go.*

4. At Gaunt in Flanders, they shew the Asses Tail, upon which (they say) Christ rode in triumph to Jerusalem, tho some think there is none but Asses that will believe it. There is also another rare Relick, viz. the Dice with which the Soldiers threw for Christs seamless Coat, and are excellent good to play at Passage, and Inn and Inn.

*Of the Eclipses this present Year 1689.*

**W**E shall have this Year only two Eclipses, and those both of the Moon, and both very remarkable which two will happen as followeth :

The first of them will be on *March* the 25<sup>th</sup> : The beginning thereof near five of the Clock in the Afternoon ; the exact time of the middle thereof, when it will be best beholding it, 41 minutes after 6, the end thereof near 8 ; the whole duration of it about 3 hours. The Digits Eclipsed 21 and 19 minutes ; so that if the Air be clear, all the latter part of it will be very conspicuous to those whom Curiosity will cause to go abroad to behold it ; only let them not be angry that our Almanack doth want such a fine *Gen. Gaw*, as the Picture of it for Children and Fools to play withal.

The second Eclipse, which is also of the Moon, will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of *September*, 46 minutes past 2 in the morning, and will be a very great Eclipse, to the quantity of 20 Digits and 39 minutes. This Eclipse will be very visible if the Air be Serene, to those will take the pains to rise to behold it, and are both very famous Eclipses because Equinoctial.

The resurgent Planet *Venus* is Occidental, setteth after the Sun, and is our Evening Star, from the beginning of the year unto the 13<sup>th</sup> of *June* ; at which time she becometh Oriental, or rises before the Sun, and is our Morning Star, and so continueth to the end of the Year, and till the 6<sup>th</sup> of *April* 1690. and then is the Evening Star again.

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The PAPIST'S GHOST.

**A** Papist died, as he did think, full well,  
But his poor Soul went tumbling down to Hell;  
And when he did arrive just at the entry,  
He found a Master Devil standing Centry,  
With blazing Eyes, and Face as black as Soore,  
Horns on his ugly Head, and Clowen-foot.  
The Devil askt his Business, why he came?  
Whereto the Ghost did thus answer frame:  
I'me a poor Papist Ghost, that comes to dwell  
In your black Stygian Purgatory-Hell;  
Then call the Captain of your Guard, good Centry,  
That into your Mansion may have entry.  
Hecalls accordingly, when amongst the rest,  
Comes out a Devil all in Scarlet dress,  
A Hat and Feather, and Crevat well try'd,  
Gold fringed Gloves, and a Sword by his side.  
The Ghost did to the Devil him address,  
Who asked him what was his business?  
Said he, I am come hither for to dwell,  
And would be entertain'd into Hell.  
O — me y<sup>e</sup> are blind, the Devil said to him,  
I love ye not so well to let you in  
For since above, you eat your Gods; I fear  
If you come in, you'll eat the Devils here.

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# POPISH STORIES AND RIDICULOUS FOPPERIES.

The Popish manner of Excommunicating Rats, as it was done by the Officers of the Court and Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Authun, in the County of Provence.

Thapned (but in what year I know not) there was almost throughout all the Balivick of *Lunfols*, such a great number of Rats, that they destroyed and devoured all the Corn of the Country; whereupon they took Counsel to send to the Bishop of *Authun's* Official, to have the Rats excommunicated; whereupon it was ordained and decreed by the said Official, after he had heard the Plaintiff of the Procurator *Fiscall*, that before he would proceed to Excommunication, the Rats should have Admonition and Warning according to the Law of Justice. For this cause it was ordained, that by the sound of a Trumpet, and open Proclamation made throughout all the Streets of the Town of *Authun*, the Rats should be called to appear within three days, and if they did not appear, to proceed against them.

The three Days were passed, and the Procurator came into Court against the Rats, and for lack of appearance obtained default; by Virtue whereof he required that they would proceed to the Excommunication; whereupon it was judicially acknowledged, that the said Rats being at Court should have an Advocate appointed them to hear the Defence, for so was the Question was for the whole Destruction and Banishing of the said Rats. And the said Procurator being at

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that time the King's Advocate at *Aubun*, was then chosen to be the Advocate to defend the Rats. And having taken Charge upon him in pleading the Matter, it was by him there declared, That the Citation was of no Effect, for certain Causes and Reasons by him there alledged. Then it was decreed, that the Rats should be once again cited throughout the Parish where they were. Then after the Citations were duly served, the Procurator came again into the Court as before, and there it was alledged by the Lord President, how that the term of Apperance given to the Rats was too short, and there were so many Cats in every Town and Village, as they should pass thorough, that they had just Cause to be absent.

*And so of Rats and Cats we'll make an end;  
For here is all that's of the Story pen'd.*

*A Dancing Story.*

*I*N the year of Grace, a Thousand and twelve, the People of a Town of Saxony, named *Colewitz* or *Colber*, being assembled in the Church dedicated to the Holy Martyr *Magnus*, on the Vigil of our Lord's Nativity, the Priest named *John*, according to the custom, began the first solemn Mass. At the same time there were fifteen Men and three Women (mighly merrily disposed) in the Church-yard, dancing and singing profane Songs; and they made such a noise, that they hindered the Priest, for their Voices were louder than the Quire which Sung at Mass, (these were rude People indeed) The Priest therefore sent to them once and again to be quiet; but they as unmannerly as they were merry, contemned his Command; whereupon, in a great wrathful Indignation, he said, May it please God and St. *Magnus*, that you may not on your Singing till the year be passed. But now mark what followed. This Imprecation of the Priest had such force, (being done in the Name of St. *Magnus*) that *Azo* a Son of the same Priest (my Author had forgotten that their Priest was so old) taking his Sister, called *Ava*, by the Arm drew her from the rest, and she not being able to leave the place pulled her Arm from her Body. (sure he pulled very hard) yet, (here was the Wonder) not a drop of Blood

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She therefore with the rest remained Singing a whole  
(*a long time I assure ye; but here is another Wonder*)  
Rain fell upon them, neither Cold, nor Heat, Hunger nor  
Thirst, nor weariness troubled them: Their Cloaths nor Shoes  
were not worn out, but they continued incessantly (*beyond  
the strength of all Morrice-dancers*) like mad People, Singing  
and Dancing; so that by their thus Dancing, they had wore  
away the Ground, first, to be knee-deep, and afterwards to  
the middle-deep, they did so frisk it about. There was by  
their Friends a kind of Pent-house raised over them to de-  
fend them from the foul Weather, but there was no need of  
it, because (*as I told you before*) it did not Rain all that  
time.

At last, when the year was ended, *Herebert*, Arch Bishop  
of *Colem* came to the Place, and absolved them from their  
sins, and bringing them before the Altar of *St Magnus*,  
there reconciled them. The Priests Daughter with two  
others, presently gave up the Ghost; the rest slept three Days  
and three Nights without Waking, (*being weary with Dan-  
cing so long*) some of them died shortly after; but some  
remained many years alive, and by a trembling of all  
their Members published to the World, their Sin and Punish-  
ment; but some never tremble to publish to the World notorious  
Lies.

*Their Tongue and Heart at jarring Enmity,  
N're tremble to divulge a falsity.*

### *Of a Woman possessed with a Devil.*

*Catherine de Bus*, dwelling in the City of *Lile*, in the  
County of *Flanders*, in the year 1602, was possessed of  
the Devil; insomuch, that she could be scarce a quarter of an  
hour in Peace, without being seized upon, and troubled by  
the Enemy, which made her speak (*to the purpose*) divers  
sort of Languages, as *Hebrew*, *Greek* and *Latin*, (*and withal*  
*by Authors, the lying Language*) when they came near unto her  
with the blessed Sacrament of the Altar, she writhed and  
wrested her self strangely, both with her Legs, Arms and  
Back, gnashing her Teeth, and grizly drawing her Mouth  
The Parents of this Wench labour'd so much, that she was  
dire

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divers times exorcised, (*I think not very well exercised*) sometimes by certain Fathers of the Order of the Capucins, sometimes by other Priests; unto whom the wicked Spirit answered in divers Languages, confessing at that time, that they were Seven in number. They spake divers injurious things, and told the Faults of divers that were present. By means could be used for the casting out of these wicked Friends, till there was found a man that was come from Mountague, and had brought with him a piece of the Oak of our Lady, (*Did you ever hear the like on't?*) Whereupon one Silveffer Denys, who came to see her, took the said piece, and made the Patient to eat it; (*this was neither Fish nor Flesh, and therefore might be eaten on any day.*) But see the Wonder; after she had swallowed it, the Enemy (who called himself *Hovillin Cliequet* and *Clinguaret*), (*the Name of our Fryer Pwarrant ye*) shewed himself in her Throat, crying out, that he scorched and burned, (*See the Virtue of a piece of rotten Wood*) because of that which was eaten; and he added, that he was compelled to depart, and that there remained in her as yet three. (*But now comes the reason why this Story was invented.*) Being demanded by whose Merit and Intercession he was to depart? He answered, of *Mary Mountague*. (*most monstrous wonderful!*) After wards being demanded, what sign he would give of his departure; he said, he would burst a Glass of the Church-window. (*I suppose the Glazier and he were agreed*) And immediately after, two of them departed with the said sign of bursting the Glass; (*why then the Devil was as good as his word*) and the third, which was the last of Ten, cried out (*in going forth*) with a loud Voice, *Vive N. Dame de Mountague, qui m'a fait sortir*: Honour be to our Lady Mountague, who maketh us to depart. And from that day after wards, the said Catherine remained whole and perfectly free from the Possession and Vexation of the Enemy, enjoying all her Limbs and Sences, as fully as ever she did before; only her memory tainted a little with this strange Lye told of her.

*A Tale of a Crucifix.*

IN a City called *Bazush*, near to the Land of *Judea*, and situated by the Sea-side; there was a Chappel, where the Jews once scourged a Crucifix, which feeling the blows it received, fell most miraculously a bleeding; (whether the Crucifix was made of Wood or Stone, I know not; but sure 'twas a great Miracle that it should Bleed); but it converted the Jews, and turned them into Roman Catholicks of the true stamp; as good as he that first wrote the Story. And that you may the better believe it, the Blood which came from the Wooden or Stone Images Wounds, was most carefully gathered up, and sent as a precious Relick to divers Parts of *Christendom*, where it had the Power to heal a great many Diseases.

Near this City of *Bazush*, is the very place where *St. George* killed the Dragon, (whose Story is excellently set forth in the History of the Seven Champions) who would have devoured the King's Daughter; together with the Cave wherein the Dragon dwelt, and the Ditch wherein he was put after he was killed, where his precious Bones are to be seen at this day. But whether the Papists worship them for Relicks or no, I do not know.

*A headless Story of St. Justinian.*

*Saint Justinian* having reprov'd his Servants for Idleness, and mispending their time, they were inflamed with Fury against him, (being willing to live Lazily, as most Servants do); infomuch, that rushing upon him, they threw him to the Ground, and most cruelly cut off his Head. But in the place where his sacred Head fell to the Ground, a Fountain of pure Water presently flowed; by drinking of which in following times, many were miraculously restored to Health. (But now comes the Bob of the Jest) Immediately after his Head was cut off, the Body of the Martyr presently rose, and taking the Head between the two Arms, went down to the Sea-shore, (Reader, would not you wonder to see a Man walk with his Head in his Arms? and walking thence on the Sea, (there's



another Wonder) past over to the Port called by his Name, and being arrived at the Place, where a Church is now built to his Memory, it fell down, (*wearied with carrying the Head so far*) and was there buried by St. David.

*Thus have I given the Story unto thee;  
Believe, or not believe, all's one to me.  
Yet, this I think, the Whetstone for their Hires,  
Is due unto all such notorious liars.*

*The Story of St. Veronica's Napkin.*

**T**O those Pilgrims which go to Jerusalem, they shew the place where *Veronica* dwelt, who (they say) gave our Saviour a Napkin as he passed by the Door, to cleanse his Face from the Blood which trickled from his Thorn-pierc'd Brow, and Spittle wherewith they had despitefully defiled him; who returned it again enriched with his lively Counterfeit, now to be seen at Rome upon Festival Days, in St. Peter's Church in the *Varican*, as we intimated to you before. To which this Hymn was made and published by Pope John the two and twelfth, with a grant of Seven years Indulgence to him that should devoutly utter it to that Picture.

Salve sancta facies nostri Redemptoris,  
In qua nitet species divina splendoris:  
Impressa Panniculo nivei candoris,  
Datæque Veronicæ signum ob amoris.

Salve decus seculi, speculum Sanctorum.  
Quod videre cupiunt Spiritus Coelorum,  
Nos ab omni Macula purga vitiorum,  
Atque nos consortio junge beatorum.

Salve vultus Domini, insignis beata,  
Ex æterno munere tui decorata:  
Lumen funde cordibus ex in tibi data,  
Et à nostris sensibus tolle colligata.

Salve robur fidei nostræ Christianæ,  
Destituta Hæreticos qui sunt mentis vanæ,  
Horum auge meritum qui te credunt sancte,  
Illius Effigie qui Rex sit ex pane.

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*Salve nostrum gaudium in hac vita dura,  
Labili, & fragili, cito peritura,  
Nos deduc ad propria o. foelix figura,  
Ad videndam faciem quæ est Christi pura.*

*Of our Redeemer, hail, O face Divine,  
Wherein the Beams of heavenly Beauty shine:  
Fixt in a Napkin, white as Snow new drawn;  
And to Veronica (thy Loves pledg given).*

*Hail worlds renown, of Saints the mirror bright,  
Whose desir'd View would Heaven-thron'd Spirits delight,  
Purge us from Stains which sinning Souls infect,  
And joyn to blest Communion of th' Elect.*

*Hail our Lord's Vsfage, happy Counterfeit;  
By gift etern, made wondrously compleat;  
Our hearts illuminate with Grace assign'd,  
And our thyall'd Sences by thy Power unbind.*

*Of Christians Faith, hail force, and Fortress sure,  
Destroying Hereticks, of minds impure;  
Augment their merits that in thee do trust,  
By his dear Image made a God of crust.*

*Hail Comfort of sad Life, the only one,  
Life tedious, brittle, sickle, and soon gone.  
Lead to thy own, O happy Pourtraiture,  
To see the Face of Christ, the Face so pure.*

*The Story of the Cock and Hen at Compostella in Spain.*

**T**HERE was on a time a certain man, who undertook a Pilgrimage together with his Wife and Son, to visit the Shrine of St. James of Compostella: It was their fortune, being in their journey thither, to take up their Quarters one night in an old City not many miles from it, they being not able that day to reach as far as Compostella. Now in the House that entertain'd them, you must know, there was a Maid not so good as she was pretty, who beholding the beauty of their Son, fell in love with him; and made such undecent expressions of it, that he was forced to be more uncivil to her than otherwise he should have been. This turned her love into a great hatred, and made her study a revenge, which she brought

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to pass in this manner. There being a little silver Cup which they used in their Chamber, she neatly conveyed it into his Caponich; and when they were gone out of the City, caused them to be pursued by the *Aleade*, or Justice of the place, and accused them of theft. When the Father and Mother had been searched, and nothing was found, they were something troubled at the molestation which they had given them; but as soon as ever they came to the Son, they hapned to feel it there, where they little expected to have found it: and so carried them back again. The Young-man being brought before the Justice, could only deny the fact, but was no way able to purge himself, and therefore was condemn'd to be hang'd. On the Gallows then his Father and Mother were fain to leave him, and as the story lies, there he hung by the neck till they had been at *Compostella*, and performed all their Vows to the Saint. And his Mother, at her return, going to visit the Gibbet, and to spend a few tears at the place of Execution, found him in the very same posture wherein they left him. But she had not poured out many complaints, nor lookt upon him long, with her eyes full of tears, before he called out to her, and said: Dear Mother weep no more, I beseech you, for me; for I am not dead, as you imagine, but alive - being preserved by the Mother of God, and the intercession of St. James, whom you went to honour, from suffering the death which my Enemies intended me. Go to the Judge therefore, and make no longer stay here; Let him know how it is, that I was accused out of meer malice, unjustly condemned, and thus miraculously saved by them that protect the innocent, and are grateful to their worshippers. She did so, without examining any farther about the matter: and the Judge was just sat down to dinner when she came running in, saying, Sir, I beseech you, cause my Son to be taken down, and let him hang yonder no longer. For though I must confess that he is still alive, yet it is by the power of God, and his Saints. At which news, he smiling, said, Good woman be content, thy Son is as much alive, as these two Birds; pointing to a Cock and Hen which were ready roasted upon the Table before him. (*But now comes the bouncer*) He had no sooner said the word, but they both leapt out of the Dish, and walkt about the Table, being as ready for a

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dinner as himself. And as for the Cock, he moreover clapped his wings, and fell a crowing for joy to find them unpinion'd, and to feel that he did not carry his gizzard thereabouts any longer. (*This was a jolly Cock indeed*) Which, when the Judge beheld, he was the most astonish'd man that ever was seen, (*and so should I, if I had seen the like*) and could not of a good while recover himself to speak a word, (*could you blame him?*) But as soon as ever the passion was over, away he went without so much as thinking of his dinner, and called the Priest, with the principal men of the City, who went all together to the place where the Youth was hang'd, and found it to their no small wonderment, just as the good woman had said (*law ye now*) whereupon he was cut down, and restored to his Parents; but the Cock and Hen as more sacred things, were carried in much solemnity to the great Church, and there a Coop was made for them, that they might be preserved as a Monument of the great power of God. Of what colour they were before, my Author speaks not, (*whether black, blew, or green*) but after their resurrection they were of a pure white snow-like colour. It is uncertain also what they did whilst the Judge was gone to the place of Execution, but afterwards it is not to be doubted but they lived very soberly and discreetly. For seven years being prefixed by God for the term of this new life which they had received, they left no more than two Chickens behind them, when they dyed; nor had they ever any more Issue. These two also lived just the same number of years, and had the like Posterity, and so it hath continued in that order to this day. So much for the Poultry; now as for their Feathers, you must know they are preserved as a precious Relique. and all the People that pass to Saint James thorough this City, use to visit this Church, and obtain one of them, (*giving the Priest a fee*) But now here is another Wonder, that though there are innumerable Persons which pass thorough it, yet they never want Feathers, nor never will, so long as People will pay so well for them: for such a Feather is better than a Feather in a Fool's Cap.

*Wonderful*

*Wonderfull Wonders of Saint Francis Xaverius.*

**T**HIS Saint was one of such great holiness (say they) that he foretold infallibly many things to come, penetrated mens concealed thoughts, had a certain knowledge of secrets, and things absent. He appeared in divers places far distant at one and the self-same time; he spake several Languages which he had never learned, as readily, congruously, and eloquently, as if he had been born and bred among those Nations. And it fell out oftentimes, that at such times as he preached to multitudes of people, men of several Nations at the same time heard him utter their own Language; and with one and the self-same Answer he often satisfied the demands of several Infidels. He was so ravished and transported with the desire and love of God, that he was often and miraculously raised from the ground, with a countenance inflamed, eyes sparkling, and fixed upon the Heavens; and being surcharged with Cœlestial joy, was forced to exclaim, *Sat est Domine! Sat est.* But now follow wonders indeed. By the sign of the Cross he turned salt water into fresh, in several Vessels at Sea. Having dipped a brazen Crucifix, which he wore about his neck, into the Sea, to appease a tempest, it was thought to be quite lost; but walking next day upon the shore, he espied a Sea-crab miraculously bringing him his Crucifix in his Claws, which having deliver'd, it suddenly returned back into the Sea, from whence it came. *This Story is as true as that of Tom Thumb's sitting on the pudding-bowl, to hold the Candle while his Mother made Puddings.*

*Their manner of cursing by Book, Bell and Candle, as it was acted by them against one Thomas Bennet, at the City of Exeter.*

**T**HIS Thomas Bennet had set up a Bill on the Cathedral Church-door, in which was written; *That the Pop: was Antichrist, and that we ought to worship God only, and no Saints.* Now they not knowing who it was that did it, resolved to curse him with Book, Bell and Candle, which they performed in this manner.



One of the Priests, apparelled all in white, ascended up into the Pulpit; The other Rabblement, with certain of the other two Orders of Fryers, and certain superstitious Monks of Saint Nicholas's House standing round about, and the Cross (as the custom was) being holden up with holy Candles of wax fixed to the same, he began his Sermon with this Theme of *Joshua*. *Est blasphemia in castris*: There is blasphemy in the Army: and so made a long protestation, but not so long as tedious and superstitious: and so concluded, That that foul and abominable Heretick which had put up such blasphemous Bills, was for that his blasphemy damnably accursed; and besought God, our Lady, Saint Peter, Patron of that Church, with all the holy Company of Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins, that it might be known what Heretick had put up such blasphemous Bills, that God's People might avoid the vengeance.

The manner of the cursing of the said *Bennet* was marvelous to behold, forasmuch as at that time there were few or none, unless two or three that understood such Trumperies. But we will proceed in the ridiculous way that they performed it. Then (saith my Author) the Prelat said, By the authority of God the Father Almighty, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Saint Peter and Paul, and of the holy Saints, we excommunicate, we utterly curse and ban, commit and deliver to the Devil of Hell, him or her, whatsoever he or she be, that have in spite of God, and of Saint Peter, whose Church this is, in spite of all holy Saints, and in spite of our most holy Father the Pope, God's Vicar here in Earth, and in spite of the Reverend Father in God *John*, our Diocesan, and the Worshipful Canons, Masters, Priests and Clerks, which serve God daily in this Cathedral Church, fixed up with such cursed and Heretical Bills, full of blasphemy, upon the doors of this and other holy Churches within this City. Excommunicate plainly be he or she plenally, or they, and deliver'd over to the Devil, as perpetual Malefactors and Schismatics. Accursed might they be, he or she, in Cities and Towns, in Fields, in Ways, in Paths, in Houses, out of Houses, and in all other Places, standing, lying, or rising; walking, running, waking, sleeping, eating, drinking, and whatsoever thing they do besides. We separate them, him, or her, from

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the threshold, and from all the good Prayers of the Church, from the participation of the holy Mass, from all Sacraments, Chappels and Altars, from holy Bread, and holy Water, from all the Merits of God's Priests, and religious Men, and from all their Cloisters, from all their Pardons, Privileges, Grants, and Immunities which all the holy Fathers, Popes of Rome, have granted to them: and we give them over utterly to the power of the Fiends; and let us quench their Souls, if they be dead, this night in the pains of Hell-fire, as this Candle is now quenched, and put out (and with that he put out one of the Candles:) and let us pray to God (if they be alive) that their eyes may be put out (that would quite spoil their seeing) as this Candle is, (so he put out the other Candle:) and let us pray to God, and to our Lady, and to Saint Peter and Paul, and all holy Saints, that all the senses of their Bodies may fail them, and that they may have no feeling, as now the light of this Candle is gone (and so he put out the third Candle) except they, he or she, come openly now and confess their blasphemy, and by repentance (as in them shall lie) make satisfaction unto God, our Lady, Saint Peter, and the worshipful Company of this Cathedral Church; and as this holy Cross-staff now falleth down, so might they, except they repent, and shew themselves, and, one first taking away the Cross, the Staff fall down, and thus have you the manner of cursing with Book, Ball and Candle, as had as the excommunicating of the Rite.

**I** Conjure thee thou Creature of Salt, by the Living God, by the True God, and by the same God that commanded Elias to cast thee into the water to cure the unwholfsomeness thereof, that thou mayst become a conjured Salt, to the salvation of the faithful, and to work the salvation both of soul and body, to all that shall enjoy thee: that all the subtilty and wiliness of the Devil, and all wicked Spirits may flee away from the place where thou art scatter'd.

7. This holy Salt is made on purpose to season all the rest of their Fooleries and ridiculous Fopperies. Now how it is

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a bushel, we are not certain of; but to Papists it is worth  
there is none knows what, but to Protestants it is worth  
little.

*How to make Holy-water, which is far better than Epsum,  
Barnet Water, or any other Water sold in the Strong-water  
Shops.*

I Conjure thee thou creature of Water, in the name of the  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that thou become a chosen  
Water, to take away all power of the Devil; and that thou  
mayest drive away and confound the Devil himself, with all  
his wicked Angels.

This Water is very dear; and though it is easie to make,  
yet it is worth in the Pope's Market no less than twenty shil-  
lings a quart.

*The Prices of several Special Commodities sold and ven-  
ded by the Pope.*

A Absolution for him that hath defloured a Virgin, is to be  
had (but scarcely can be afforded for the money) for

————— 0 9 0

Absolution for Incest with Sister, Mother, &c. is cheaper,  
because Trading is dead, and may be had for— 0 7 6

Absolution for him that kills his Father, or Mother, Wife,  
Sister, or any Kinsman of the Laity, is at one word

————— 0 10 6

But if he or she be of the Spirituality, Monk, Priest, or Nun,  
it cannot be had under— 0 12 6

Absolution for a Lay-man's Simony will cost but 0 9 0

But if he be a Priest, it will cost ——— 0 10 6

If he be a Monk, it will not be afforded one farthing un-  
der (and it is richly worth it too) ——— 0 12 0

Absolution for a False Oath in a Criminal Cause, the price is  
one word ——— 0 9 0

*Thus I put in for information for Knights of the Post.*

Absolution for forging Letters Testimonial, is — 0 8 6

But

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But if you will come often, because they are willing to take  
money, you shall have it for ———— 8

*Thus, Reader, you may see the Monkish Shifts  
To help the Pope with money as dead lifts.*

Conjure thee thou creature of Water, in the name of the  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that thou become a chosen  
Vessel to take away all power of the Devil; and that thou  
mayest drive away and consume the Devil himself, with all  
his wicked Angels.  
This Water is very dear; and though it is easy to make,  
yet it is worth in the Pope's Market no less than twenty times  
its value.

The Prince of Jesuits, General Commodities sold and worn  
by the Pope.

A Resolution for him that hath deflowered a Virgin, is to be  
had (but scarcely can be afforded for the money) for

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Abolition for him that hath deflowered a Virgin, is to be  
had (but scarcely can be afforded for the money) for  
because Trading is dead, and may be had for — 7  
Abolition for him that kills his Father, or Mother, Wife,  
Sister, or any Kindred of the Flesh, is at one word

But if he or she be of the Spirituality, Monk, Priest, or Nun,

it cannot be had under

Abolition for a Lay man's Sin may will cost but 6

but if he be a Priest, it will cost — 10

if he be a Monk, it will not be absolved one farthing but

for (and it is richly worth it too) — 12

Abolition for a False Oath in a Criminal Cause, the price is

at one word — 10

For a Priest for information for Knight of the Holy

Abolition for forgoing a Sin, is — 8